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In re Application of-	) Group Art Unit 1681
Van Beek, Eddy	) Group Art Omt 1081
Serial No. 09/753,381 Filed: January 2, 2001 For: Method of Improving the Activity of Enzymes	) Examiner: Irene Marx ) )

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Non-Fee Amendment Washington, D.C. 20231

### Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks relative to consideration of the present application.

# **AMENDMENTS**

### In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 1 - 9 to read as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A method for improving the effectiveness of an enzyme in an animal feed, comprising the step of adding the surfactant lysolecithin to an animal feed containing an [exogenous] enzyme feed additive[, a surfactant selected from the group consisting of lysolecithins].
- 2. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said [exogenous] enzyme [has enzyme activity selected from the group including] is selected from the group consisting of alpha-amylase, alpha-galactosidase, beta-glucanase, cellulase, lipase, protease and xylanase.

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